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FOR YOUNG AND MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RH, UK, PDEV

SUBJECT:RHODESIA, REPORT OF SMITH-NKOMO MEETING  
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1. AUGUST 31, REUTERS STORY FROM SALISBURY QUOTES ALLEGATION BY SITHOLE AND MUZOREWA REPRESENTATIVES THAT SMITH AND NKOMO SECRETLY MET IN LUSAKA ON AUGUST 14. GARBA AND KAUNDA ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENT AT THE MEETING WHICH, REPRESENTATIVES ASSERTED, WAS DESIGNED TO FIND SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD INSTALL NKOMO AS LEADER OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. A RHODESIAN REGIME SPOKESMAN TOLD REUTERS THAT

THERE WAS NO TRUTH AT ALL TO THE ALLEGATIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT IS RECEIVING PRESS INQUIRIES ON THIS REPORT. WE ARE RESPONDING THAT WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON OR CONFIRM REPORTS OF SUCH A MEETING. WE ARE ALSO NOTING THAT WE ARE CONTINUING IN OUR EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT AN ALL-PARTIES MEETING AT WHICH A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED AND THAT OUR GOAL REMAINS A MAJORITY RULED, DEMOCRATIC ZIMBABWE.

3. HOWEVER WE DO NOT EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO REFUSE

COMMENT FOR VERY LONG. WE OBVIOUSLY WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT INITIAL CONFIRMATION ABOUT THE FACT OF A MEETING COME FROM PARTIES DIRECTLY INVOLVED RATHER THAN FROM US.

4. PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT ASAP OF ANY STATEMENT ON THIS ISSUE WHICH DAVID OWEN OR OTHERS IN NAIROBI OR IN OTHER CAPITALS MAY MAKE. VANCE

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